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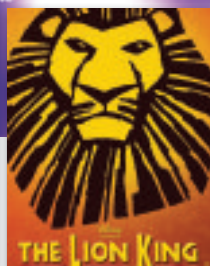
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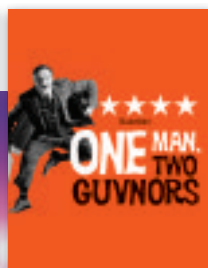
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'Despicable' metal thieves take important part of town's past

HISTORY IS DESTROYED

By Oliver Evans

Police said the gates had been removed and parts broken off for scrap.

Banbury Town Council leader Kieron Mallon also branded the vandals "despicable". The factory closed in 2007.

The former Alcan worker

said: "If the gates have been destroyed and these people are caught then there is no sentence that is strong enough.

"We are calling on the owners to honour their part of the bargain and completely refurbish this garden and war memorial."

Banbury Civic Society chairman Rob Kinchin-Smith

"DESPICABLE". That is the word used to describe thieves who stole historic factory gates for scrap and vandals who damaged its war memorial.

Police are investigating the theft of one of the old Alcan factory gates, part of the War Memorial garden in Southam Road, some time before last Wednesday.

And a memorial to workers at the factory – a major producer of steel during the Second World War – has also been vandalised.

Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry said: "It is despicable that anyone should have desecrated the Alcan war memorial."

Sir Tony – who visited the site on Saturday – said Standard Life had "lamentably failed" to preserve its war history.

He said: "Even before the recent theft of the memorial gates they had been damaged, the sundial had been vandalised and the pool at the centre of the garden is full of rubbish.

"This is not just a memorial to those who gave their life in the Second World War but it is also an important part of Banbury history."



Kieron Mallon Sir Tony Baldry and Sarah Jarvis, whose family worked on the Alcan site for many years

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said the group had previously raised concerns about the security of the gates.

He said: "Sadly, it seems most likely that the gates are now probably halfway to China."

Standard Life is redeveloping the site as an industrial estate. Head of UK development James Stevens said the firm is "appalled" by the attacks.

He said: "We fully appreciate the importance of the gates and the memorial to the people of Banbury and we very much hope the police can bring the perpetrators of both crimes to justice.

"We are working with our insurers to ensure the gates are replaced and damage to the garden repaired.

"In addition we will be reviewing the security measures we have in place in light of the recent incidents and will be discussing any proposed changes with the local council in due course."

PC Daniel Hopkins said: "The gates are unique and of historic interest to the victim and they have been cut up on the floor and parts removed for scrap."

Contact PC Hopkins on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Stars light up

CORONATION Street stars Jack P. Shepherd and Ryan Thomas will switch on this year's Christmas lights in Banbury.

The actors – who play David Platt and Jason Grimshaw – will be the stars of the show at the event on Sunday, November 25. They will help switch on the lights on a stage outside the Town Hall in Bridge Street after three hours of entertainment.



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InBRIEF**Purse thefts:
three bailed**

■ Three people have been arrested after five purse thefts in Banbury town centre.

The 22-year-old woman, a 20-year-old man and an 18-year-old man are suspected of snatching or stealing purses from mostly elderly women between September 22 and 28.

The suspects, all from Birmingham, were bailed until November 7.

M-way drama

■ One person was taken to hospital following a two-car collision on the M40.

Emergency services were called to the northbound carriageway, between Junctions 11 and 12, just after 8pm on Friday.

Five people were assessed by the ambulance service at the scene and one was taken to the Horton General Hospital, Banbury.

Helpers plea

■ Volunteers are being sought to organise next year's Adderbury Party in the Park after the cancellation of this year's event.

Organisers say just five volunteers are now available to put on next summer's event.

June's planned event was cancelled because of wet weather.

For information call Linda Leslie on 01295 810211 or Sue Halls on 01295 368925.

Invitation

■ Residents in Grimsbury, Cherwell and Easington can meet local police officers at two forthcoming events.

PCSOs will be at Brinkburn Grove, Grimsbury tomorrow, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, and at Broom Way Car Park, Grimsbury the following Friday, from 6pm to 7pm.

■ Turf is cut on the site of a new media and motor skills facility

Scheme for £6m college centre becomes a reality

By Oliver Evans

PLANS to build a £6m media and motor skills facility at Oxford and Cherwell Valley College have moved a step closer.

The Broughton Road College has signed a deal with contractor SDC to begin work by the end of the year for a Christmas 2013 opening.

The digital media production and motor vehicle centre is the second phase of a major redevelopment of the college's Banbury site.

Its Academy of Creative Arts was opened last year following a £3.5m refurbishment.

The college has a long-term aspiration to move all facilities to the south side of Broughton Road. The north side would then be sold for housing.

Principal Sally Dicketts said: "This development represents a major investment in teaching and learning facilities for our students in Banbury.

"The new media and motor vehicle centres will provide extremely high-quality environments in which students can develop the skills they need to enter employment or progress further in their education."

Extended diploma media student Ellie Drinkwater, 18, said: "It will be good to have a bigger space."

The Chipping Norton resident said: "There is just not enough classrooms for our course, it would be better to have a base. We are always across the college."



Sally Dicketts, principal of Oxford and Cherwell Valley College, and Francis Shiner, managing director of contractors SDC, cut the first turf on the land which will be used to build a new automotive and media centre at the college's Banbury campus

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Flooding, and how to prepare for problems in the future

Peter Quarmby



COMMUNITIES in Oxfordshire are being urged to be prepare for potential future flooding as part of a new campaign to tackle the problem.

The Environment Agency launched the four-week flood awareness campaign, which included the official opening of a £17m flood alleviation scheme at Banbury, on Monday.

It was the first in a series of Oxfordshire events after one of the wettest summers on record.

Each week the Environment Agency campaign has a distinct

theme. In the first week it is "damage and safety".

The Banbury Flood Alleviation Scheme began operating at the end of last year and was officially opened by Banbury MP, Sir Tony Baldry.

The scheme reduces the flood risk to more than 440 homes and 70 business premises in the town.

Other flood-prevention schemes are due to be launched as part of the campaign, including other projects in Newbury and East Sussex.

Peter Quarmby, flood and coastal manager at the Environment Agency, said: "Raising awareness is just one of the ways of trying to bring home to people why they need to accept that flooding can happen."

"And how they can prepare for when the worst does happen."

The campaign hopes to educate local people on how to find out if homes or businesses are in a flood risk area; how to minimise potential damage to

properties and what the Environment Agency is doing to reduce the threat of inland and coastal flooding.

To find out more about the risk of flooding, people can sign up for flood alerts and warnings via a free service, Floodline Warnings Direct on 0845 9881188 or go to environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/default.aspx.

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■ **BEN HORNSBY**, 30, of The Beeches Mobile Home Park, Old London Road, Chipping Norton, admitted shoplifting two bottles of vodka, worth £40, from Marks & Spencer in Bridge Street, Banbury, on August 26. Also admitted shoplifting a bottle of Champagne, worth £30, from the same store on the same day. A community order made with an alcohol treatment requirement for six months. One other offence taken into consideration. Told to pay £103.98 compensation.

■ **NASSER YOUNIS**, 33, of Sandford Green, Banbury, admitted possession of

cannabis in Banbury on June 1. Given a curfew order for 12 weeks and ordered to pay £85 costs.

■ **NIGEL GARDNER**, of Far Close, Crossing Lane, Claydon, convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to a Jack Russell terrier by failing to provide veterinary care in respect of injuries. Told to pay costs of £200 and banned from keeping any animals for five years.

■ **EAMONN CLOSES**, 56, of Friars Hill, Wroxton, admitted growing a cannabis plant on June 12. Discharged conditionally for 12 months and told to pay £85 costs.

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Inspector to back rock star on the bagpipes

BAGPIPE-playing policeman Steve Duffy is to reunite with legendary rocker Rod Stewart to raise cash for services personnel.

Detective Inspector Duffy will sound his pipes with the former Faces frontman at the Royal Albert Hall on November 10.

It is more than a quarter century since he backed the star on his 1986 song *Rhythm of My Heart*.

They are expected to take part in a

mass performance of *Auld Lang Syne* at the show, which is being held raise to cash for the Royal British Legion.

The 51-year-old, responsible for Thames Valley Police performance across Cherwell, picked up the pipes aged 10.

Since then he has performed at a range of local and national events for good causes.

He said of the concert: "It is marvellous. Rod Stewart is an iconic

British rock legend. It will be quite nostalgic."

DI Duffy has not seen the star since he recorded the track with him at BBC's Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham.

He said: "He was a really down-to-earth character. He made a point of having a drink with the lads."

After 12 years in the Scots Guards, the Banbury resident joined the force but never lost his love of the sound of Scotland.

He said: "It is an extremely difficult instrument to master."

"They say as a boy it takes five years to get competent and you spend the rest of your life learning."

"It is much like Marmite, you either love it or hate it."

"Fortunately, I have found more people love it than hate it."

Many dislike the instrument because they have heard it played poorly, he said.

DI Duffy said: "The tell-tale signs are it will sound screechy, it will be unpleasant on the ear and the volume and pitch will vary greatly."

Despite having a "very accommodating wife", the dad-of-four says he tends not to practise at home and gets a "little bit of ribbing" from fellow officers.

DI Duffy - whose son Robert, 20, is in Afghanistan with the Scots Guards - will

also lead a 30-strong band of pipers and drummers in a further fundraising event in London on November 1.

He is set to perform at a number of railway stations in the capital, including Marylebone and Paddington, for London Poppy Day.

London Mayor Boris Johnson, The Military Wives Choir and *Eastenders* TV stars are also set to appear at city events in a bid to raise £750,000 in a day.

DI Duffy said of the RBL: "The work they do is as powerful and needed as ever it has been."



Steve Duffy with his bagpipes

Area 'cannot cope' with hundreds of homes

Housing plans 'will destroy our fragile village'

By Oliver Evans

A CAMPAIGN has been launched against "opportunistic and speculative" housing plans for Bloxham.

Bloxham Parish Council said two plans for 160 homes would "destroy" the village's "fragile" infrastructure.

Signs and posters have gone up around the village opposing plans for 75 homes in Barford Road and 85 in Milton Road.

It is the latest move in a Cherwell housing row that has led to a raft of controversial estate plans.

Cherwell District Council has earmarked housing sites in the hope this will give it greater legal powers to refuse other schemes.

But major plans such as the 1,070 "Bankside" scheme off Oxford Road have yet to be built, leading to it missing a Government target. Developers have said other sites are vital to drive down house prices and provide affordable housing.

Parish council chairman Dave Chapman said: "These developments, if allowed, would seriously impact on the nature and character of our rural village."

"They will extend the village residential boundary and further encroach into the countryside surrounding Bloxham."

The council said 205 homes have been built since 2005 and Bloxham Church of England Primary School is full and cannot expand.

"Frequent" powers cuts, poor water pressure, flood risk and traffic could be exacerbated by the plans, the council fears.

The district council has yet to make a decision on the two plans.

Gascoigne Way resident, David Yates, 64, said: "This will have a major impact on a small village."

"We have shown we are not NIMBYs, we have shown we are allowed to have some development but now is the time for a bit of breathing space."

Peter Frampton, agent for Mintondale Developments Ltd, which is behind the Milton Road scheme, and Gladman Developments, behind the Barford Road, were not available for comment.

The council has to show the Government enough homes are being built to meet needs for the next five years but Gladman said: "There is a substantial under-provision of affordable housing."

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■ Honour given for political work

MP receives knighthood for services

By Oliver Evans

THE MP for Banbury Sir Tony Baldry has been knighted by the Prince of Wales.

Sir Tony's honour was announced in the Queen's Birthday Honours early this year, but he finally accepted the title at a ceremony held on Friday.

The Conservative MP received the knighthood from Prince Charles at an investiture ceremony at Windsor Castle, Berkshire.

Sir Tony Baldry was given the honour for services to political and public life.

Speaking when the honour was announced, he said: "I am very proud to have been made a knight, particularly in the Birthday Honours of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year.

"All the work in which I am involved as an MP, from campaigns on the Horton Hospital, to campaigns with the churches, are team efforts, and I hope that I will always be an effective advocate for such campaigns."

Mr Baldry was joined at the ceremony by British cookery writer Mary Berry, who received a CBE.

Sir Tony, who attended with wife Pippa and children Edd and Honor, said:

"It was a great privilege being able to go to Windsor Castle to be knighted by the Prince of Wales.

"As Edd and Honor were born after I was elected to the House of Commons, they have known no life other than having a father as an MP, and I think they were as thrilled as I to be present.

"I am proud to be the third consecutive MP for North Oxfordshire to be knighted."



Sir Tony Baldry shows off his knighthood

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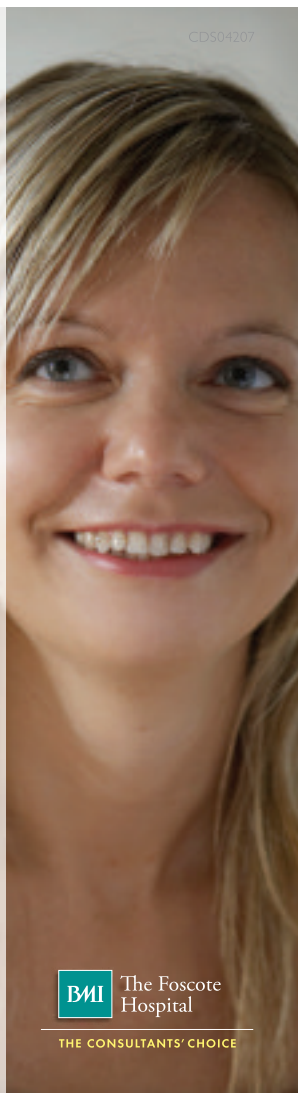
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Brave fire crews awarded medals for long dedication to their jobs

FIREFIGHTERS who have served the Oxfordshire public for a combined total of more than two centuries have been honoured for their service.

Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medals were presented to station manager Guy Dunkley, group manager Grahame Mitchell, firefighter Mick Dunn, watch manager Kevin Robbins, watch manager Andrew Hayes, watch manager Matt Smith, watch manager Dave Luke and station manager Paul Webster.

All had served for 20 years. Pauline Hayton was also presented with a certificate for 20 years' service and Clive Durbin for 30 years' service.

They received recognition for their commitment at Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and Community Safety's annual achievement evening last week.

Chief Fire Officer David Etheridge said: "It is only right that we should acknowledge and recognise long service within Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue and it was fantastic to see families gather to watch their loved ones being awarded with their medals.

"This medal indicates the high esteem in which the recipients are held by the authorities and the public and also expresses our gratitude for their honourable service and devotion to duty.

"All the people receiving the awards really deserve them, and should be proud – because all together there was 210 years total service in the room – collectively an incredible amount of experience, commitment, bravery and endurance."

Group manager Grahame Mitchell, 41, received his long service medal after starting with the fire service in April 1992.

He said: "I think because the fire service is a huge family it is really nice to get some recognition that we have each done 20 years of public service.

"I got back together with the people I joined with and it was lovely for us all to get together with all their families too."

Other awards were given to

George Day and Helen Head for enjoying exam success, and retained certificates for competent status were awarded to Paul Andrew, Nick Harris, Tomas Lucskai, Lisa Guntrip, Steven Henderson and Kevin Thorne.

Dan Pomfret, from Banbury, won Fire Cadet of the Year, while also nominated were Liam Chapman, Rhys Woodward and Zahra Khan. James Butler won Most Improved Fire Cadet of the Year, with other nominations coming in for Hope Miller, Thomas Humphries and Reiss Howard.

Finally, heroic civilians Michael Kennedy Snr, Michael Kennedy Jnr, Bartosz Pytko and Artur Biegala, who all rescued people trapped in fires, received Chief Fire Officer's Commendations.

Chief Fire Officer Dave Etheridge hands the best fire cadet award to Banbury's Dan Pomfret



Pilot scheme connects up every home Village scores a first with fibre optic broadband



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A SMALL Oxfordshire village is to be first in the country to have every house connected to super-fast broadband.

Deddington was chosen by British Telecom for a pilot scheme that will see fibre-optic cables connected to each of the 1,400 houses. It is part of a £2.6bn plan to introduce fibre-optic broadband across the country.

Currently villagers have complained of Internet speeds as slow as half a megabit per second, way below the national average of 9mbps.

But once the service goes live in the new year that will jump to a maximum of 300mbps. This will allow people to download even huge files, like high definition movies in a matter of minutes.

BT Openreach engineers have been working in the village since April and have laid the majority of a fibre-optic 'spine' from neighbouring Banbury.

Each fibre-optic cable is thinner

By Rhianne Pope

than a human hair and, unlike traditional copper cabling, the speed does not reduce with distance.

Head of the pilot scheme, Steve Jones, said: "We have never before provided fibre technology to 100 per cent of properties – to every single house."

There are also plans to roll out the technology to the neighbouring villages of Clifton, Hempton, Barford St Michael and part of Aynho.

Next Generation Access managing director Bill Murphy said: "Deddington will be in a unique position in the country, even in the world. It has been put on the fibre map."

Challenges were faced in five villages where pavements and roads had to be dug up and cable routed to isolated properties.

Simon Baxter, managing director

of Deddington business Dijon Designs, said: "When the school kids finish at about 3.30pm, the speed here really drops."

"At times we are lucky to get half a megabit. And when we are downloading big files, we let all the staff know they won't be able to send emails for a while."

"So, if this opportunity hadn't come around, we would have had to move the business."

Local resident and parish councillor Jim Flux said: "Not only will our residents and businesses be able to take advantage of ultra-fast broadband speeds, but Deddington is also helping pave the way for the services of the future."

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InBRIEF**Man injured in car smash**

■ A man in his 40s was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries after a four-car smash on Monday.

Police say that the man, who was driving a green MG, suffered a medical episode following the collision.

The incident involved his car and a white Vauxhall Bivaro, red Volkswagen Golf and Silver Ford Focus in Middleton Road, Banbury, at 8.25am.

The road was re-opened at 9.05am.

Chance to talk with the force

■ Banbury police are holding events to meet residents.

Officers will be on hand on October 26, from 6pm in Broom Way car park, Grimsbury, and also in the Alma Road play park.

PC Sharon Harris, from Banbury police station, said: "These meetings are a chance to meet your local officers and discuss any queries or concerns local people might have. We would like to see you there."

Accident led to daughter being killed by pensioner's cement truck**Plea by parents spares death driver from jail****By Banbury reporter**

A LORRY driver who killed a cyclist in a "terrible accident" has been spared jail, thanks to a plea from his victim's parents.

Pensioner Stephen Bateman, of Astrop Road, Middleton Cheney, had admitted causing the death of Oxford church rector's assistant Joanna Braithwaite by careless driving in an incident last year.

But her mother and father wrote a letter to the judge before the 75-year-old was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on Friday.

Recorder Harold Persaud, sentencing, told Bateman: "There is something that has impressed me greatly in this case and that is the generosity Mr and Mrs Braithwaite have shown towards you.

"They have said they do not seek retribution. They have also recognised how this has affected you.

"They are aware nothing I do will bring back their daughter."

Miss Braithwaite, 34, was killed on the morning of October 28 last year when she was run over by Bateman's cement mixer, which was carrying 13 tonnes of cement.

He had missed a turning to a Woodstock Road building site and was turning around at the Polstead Road junction when the accident happened.

Miss Braithwaite was pronounced dead at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital at about 10am after suffering multiple crush injuries.

The maximum sentence for the charge is five years, but Bateman was given an eight-month term, suspended for a

year. Recorder Persaud also took into account Bateman's clean record and that he was the only carer of his partner, who recently had a major operation.

The court heard Bateman – who had driven lorries for 43 years – had told police he had driven "two million miles" without an accident. Miss Braithwaite, of Bullingdon Road, worked for St Aldate's Church as a personal assistant to the Rev Charlie Cleverly.

Speaking outside court, her parents Paul and Charlotte Braithwaite, both 61, said: "There is no way to express in words our sadness at the death of our daughter Joanna. She was full of joy and hope, and our world is a darker place without her.

"Mr Bateman has pleaded guilty to making a less than careful manoeuvre, which resulted in the death of our daughter. We are and have always been quite certain that he in no way intended to hurt her, and so we bear no personal grudge towards him.

"We see no purpose in a man of his age being given a custodial sentence."

They thanked family, friends, the church, police and the prosecution, and made a plea for all drivers and cyclists to take care.

Mr Cleverly said: "It says everything about their generosity and maturity. They are an example to us all.

"It was a terrible accident frankly. Justice has been done." He said Miss Braithwaite was

missed "terribly" by the church and congregation.

Charles Ward-Jackson, prosecuting, said the lorry's rear wheels had caused the fatal injury. He said Bateman should have seen Miss Braithwaite as his lorry had three mirrors on the left side of cab and a camera on the back.

He said: "There was no blind spot at all."

Hugh Williams, defending, said: "It (the accident) had the most tragic consequences, but also one with the lowest culpabilities."

Bateman was banned from driving for three years and will have to take a test before getting behind the wheel again. He was ordered to carry out 240 hours of unpaid community work and pay £400 costs.

RIGHT: Lorry driver Stephen Bateman



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Second attempt at GCSE exams

TEENAGERS across Oxfordshire are preparing for a second attempt at gaining a key GCSE pass.

Concerns were raised during the summer that changes to the GCSE grade boundaries left pupils across the country with lower grades than expected.

More than 45,000 children nationwide are now planning to re-sit their GCSE English language exams in November or January in the hope of better results

But Oxfordshire headteachers have warned it will be too late for some youngsters, as



Melinda Tilley

they have already turned their back on education.

Oxfordshire County Council could not say

exactly how many of the roughly 6,000 pupils who sat GCSEs this summer were retaking but it is thought to number in the low hundreds.

One headteacher said: "Most of those who had been badly affected are really disillusioned with it and don't believe it will make any difference.

"It's very frustrating for them and it's very frustrating for us."

Another local head said: "The re-sit is only a good option if you are doing A-levels with us, but there are a lot of kids who now are not doing A-levels."

County council education cabinet member Melinda Tilley said she had feared some youngsters would be put off carrying on at school after failing to gain a C in English and said it was "terrible" if that was the case.

She said: "I would say to them don't give up. Everybody is on their side. Everybody is fighting, including me fighting my own Government to see sense on this.

"I would encourage people to re-sit the exams because it's not their fault."



New resident Maude Richardson, who is looking forward to moving into the newly-converted bungalow

■ Work on Edwardian building will ease waiting list

School converted into new housing

A FORMER Edwardian school has been converted into affordable housing in a bid to reduce the district's massive waiting list.

The former Dashwood School was re-opened on Friday as Dashwood House by council and affordable housing bosses. Youngsters left the 1902 Marlborough Place building in 2008 for new premises in Merton Street.

It has since undergone a £3.4m conversion to provide 13 affordable homes, which range in size from one to three bedrooms.

A further nine homes for people with learning disabilities

By Oliver Evans

have been provided in a new building on the site.

Cherwell District Council has about 4,000 requests on its affordable housing waiting list. Last year, it helped 414 families into social housing.

It worked with Paradigm Housing Group and landowner Oxfordshire County Council, which is responsible for social services, on the scheme.

Original school features have been retained including glass windows, exposed internal brickwork and entrance signs for boys and infants.

Among those set to move in is Maude Richardson, 53, who said she wanted to downsize from her two-bedroom Bretch Hill maisonette to make way for a family.

She said: "I really loved it, it is near the town.

"It is better, I have to walk up 48 steps to my flat. I only want one room for myself. It is like a house for a family, not me."

District council lead member for housing Debbie Pickford said: "This affordable housing scheme is very important in meeting the needs of local people."

Paradigm executive director of business development

Andrew Main said: "The old school at Dashwood has allowed the three partners in this project to come together and offer much-needed affordable accommodation, while retaining many of the original features."

County council cabinet member for police and policy Kieron Mallon, welcomed the homes for people with learning disabilities.

He said: "I am sure that having their own homes will make them very happy and help them to live full lives in their local community."

The councils put £200,000 each towards the scheme.

Man accused of trying to burn down home

A BANBURY man threw a Molotov cocktail at the family home of his girlfriend, a court heard on Monday.

Yisa Hassan-Sule, 28, of Broughton Close, is accused of attempting to commit arson with the intent to endanger life.

He also stands accused of the lesser charge of attempting to commit arson recklessly as to whether life would be endangered, and affray.

It is alleged that on December 3 last year, Hassan-Sule pursued his then-girlfriend Alice Greatbatch to her father's

home in Balmoral Avenue. The jury at Oxford Crown Court heard evidence that following a disagreement with her family, Hassan-Sule drove away, before returning to the house in his car and throwing a bottle at an outside wall.

Nigel Daly, prosecuting, said: "The prosecution say that bottle contained petrol and that bottle had a wick, probably made out of a shoelace, which had been lit.

"The common name for such a device is a Molotov cocktail or petrol bomb."

The jury also heard from his former

girlfriend, who said she had been "terrified" after arguing with Hassan-Sule previously that day.

She told the court she had been pursued by him to her father's house, where the pair became embroiled in an argument.

Miss Greatbatch said: "My dad punched him in the side of the face. Yisa was saying he was sorry."

Later, when questioned further, she added: "They called him a black monkey."

The trial continues.

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InBRIEF**Metal raid**

■ METAL thieves have raided Launton Primary School. Police said a large amount of lead lightning conductors and cable were stolen from the roof of the Bicester Road school. Anyone with details should call police on 101.

Word search

■ LOCAL people are being asked to help find the source of words and phrases that have made it into the English language. *The Oxford English Dictionary*, published by Oxford University Press, has launched an online initiative aimed at involving the public in finding the earliest examples of words and phrases. Initially they are seeking evidence for eight different words and phrases, including FAQ and bellini, with more to follow in coming weeks. To contribute and find out more, visit public.oed.com/appeals

RIGHT:
Rogue
trader
Mark
Shepherd
pictured
outside
the court

**'Pay-back' orders for rogue traders**

ROGUE traders, who conned pensioners out of more than £800,000, have been told that they will face jail unless they pay back part of their haul.

Scott Jackson and Mark Shepherd have already served their sentences for targeting an elderly academic and a dementia sufferer during a three-year scam.

At Oxford Crown Court last week, 45-year-old Shepherd, of The Beeches Caravan site, Chipping Norton, was told to repay £50,000 within three months or face 18 months in jail.

His accomplice, Jackson, 41, from Leicester, has to repay a total of £29,000 within six months or face 12 months in jail.

Paul Harrison, prosecuting, said: "I think we have reached an

agreement between us." In May last year, the pair were told to repay these amounts, but both the men claimed they had replied to the Crown court, saying that they had no funds.

Judge Patrick Eccles said: "Both defendants have now served their sentences. We shouldn't be in this position."

In March 2004, the two men told a 85-year-old dementia sufferer that one of her chimneys was tilting and some tiles needed replacing.

Over 15 months she paid them a total of £364,906 for work which should have cost just £30,000.

The following year, an 81-year-old retired Oxford University academic paid £506,880 for building work, which was worth no more than £55,000.

Chairman in bid for police role

KHAN Juna, chairman of the Thames Valley Police Authority, has resigned from his position in order to stand for the position of police and crime commissioner as an independent candidate.

He has been joined in resigning by Anthony Stansfeld, who represents West Berkshire Council on the authority but who has been selected as the Conservative candidate for the role of Thames Valley police commissioner.

As vice chairman of the police authority Iain McCracken will carry out Mr Juna's duties until the body is abolished on Wednesday, November 22.

The election will take place on Thursday, November 15.

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■ City council voices its opposition to North Oxon alternative

Councillor: Airport idea is 'daft'

OXFORD City Council is the latest authority to oppose the idea of a new airport in north-west Oxfordshire.

At a full meeting of the city council, a motion was passed, opposing the potential idea of building a new airport in the county to take the pressure off Heathrow. The vote received cross-party support.

The move came after Government plans were announced to provide extra landing space for planes, with one option being the building of a new facility in Oxfordshire or Berkshire.

The Liberal Party motion was backed by Labour councillors, but the group and council leader Bob Price questioned the need for it.

He said: "I don't think anyone ever saw it as a likely way forward. An airport in north west Oxfordshire has never been seen by anyone as a realistic option."

"Nobody was keen to have it for obvious reasons, which is why the motion was supported."

By Freddie Whittaker

He said other options, which involved the expansion of other airports, should be explored.

He said: "Everyone I have spoken to is unconvinced by the arguments for a third runway at Heathrow but recognise the need for further landing space."

"They have to look at the expansion of existing airports, like Birmingham, Stansted, Gatwick – all of those would be more suitable."

Green group leader David Williams said: "A Heathrow-sized airport in Oxfordshire would be a disaster. It is unnecessary, environmentally damaging, and would bring greater pollution and disturbance to the area."

And Lib Dem leader Jean Fooks described the idea of another airport in Oxfordshire as "totally daft".

She said: "We understand that people are going to fly, but we all know that a north west Oxfordshire airport is not a good idea."

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Help at home for premature babies

■ Pioneering project allows parents to take care of feeding

By Amanda Williams

A PIONEERING project that allows parents to get premature babies home more quickly has been devised at an Oxfordshire hospital.

Babies born early have problems with co-ordinating sucking and swallowing, so are fed through a nasogastric tube until they can manage on their own.

But experts at John Radcliffe Hospital's newborn intensive care unit have been teaching parents how to use a feeding system to allow families to go home earlier.

The pilot scheme is the only one of its kind in the South Central region, and is for babies born between 28 and 34 weeks.

Little Poppy Lynch Blossie was born nearly seven weeks early.

Weighing just three pounds and 15 ounces, it was vital she was fed properly as soon as possible.

But because she was born so early, she had not developed the suckling reflex and so had to be tube-fed. After 10 days in the high dependency unit and a further week in the low dependency unit, mother Kate Lynch Blossie, 29, of Wantage, was able to take her daughter home thanks to the initiative.

She said: "Just being home with her makes all the difference.

"I was in hospital with her for a week, and then I commuted in for ten days. It was an hour-and-a-half



Poppy Lynch Blossie

round trip, which was very tiring. "Having her back here at home, being able to hold her and see her when I want, it's so much better."

Poppy was the first baby to be fed under the scheme and was able to come off tube feeding within a week of being home. Now 15 weeks old, she is happy and healthy.

The project is now being extended to the Horton General Hospital, Banbury.

Consultant neonatologist Dr Eleri Adams is director of the hospital's newborn intensive care unit.

She said: "We don't send the

babies home until the parents are able to manage the feeding overnight. The problem with these babies is that they don't co-ordinate their sucking and swallowing until they get a bit older, so sometimes we alternate tube feeding with suckling feeds. The parents are able to take the babies home on a regime of tube feeding, so that they are able to carry on family life without multiple trips to the hospital.

"Our neonatal outreach nurses see them at home on a regular basis, and check that they are doing well."

New Thames Valley police helicopter service takes off

THAMES Valley Police has this month joined a new joint police helicopter service.

By 2015, the National Police Air Service will deliver around-the-clock air support to all police forces in England and Wales.

As part of the service, Oxfordshire's police will be sent the nearest available helicopter, wherever it may be stationed.

Before, if any of the South East Air Support Unit's helicopters were unavailable, there was no back-up plan in place.

The new scheme will cost less than the previous operation and helicopters will be able to reach anywhere in the region within 20 minutes.

Helicopters will be based at RAF Benson, Bournemouth

Airport and Surrey.

Assistant Chief Constable John Campbell said: "The National Police Air Service will be a strong, operationally resilient service and will come at less cost to the taxpayer.

"Under NPAS, every force will have fast and easy access to air support, unrestricted by geography and, through collaboration, even if one helicopter is already out on deployment, another one will always be available.

"This is another step towards a more joined-up approach to policing and will ensure continuity in the quality of air support across all forces."

Wiltshire Police is set to be the final force to join the NPAS in January 2015.

The price of fly tipping

TAXPAYERS face a £450 bill after the remains of a shed, paving slabs and tins of old paint were dumped in a secluded lane.

They were left off Overthorpe Road, Banbury.

Cherwell District Council's clean and green chief, Nigel Morris, said: "Irresponsible contractors might save money by not disposing of items properly, but all residents in the district pay the price.

"Disposal of building waste ought to be carried out by a licensed operator, otherwise it could be illegal.

"If someone had employed a contractor in good faith to dispose of these items, they should let us know and they might be able to avoid prosecution."

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InBRIEF**Gates stolen**

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PC Daniel Hopkins said: "The gates were unique and of historic interest and yet they were cut up on the floor and parts removed for scrap." Anyone with information should call police on 101.

Grants offer

■ CHARITIES, residents groups and voluntary organisations could benefit from a new initiative launched by Sanctuary Housing.

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Farming cash

■ A COLLECTION for Compassion in World Farming on September 8 raised £100.17.

Wheat crop in crisis for local farms



Farmer Mike Gooding takes a closer look at his grain

THE summer washout has taken its toll on Oxfordshire's wheat farmers, with crop yields down by nearly a third.

A heavy rainfall saw county wheat yields plummet 20 to 30 per cent, compared to a national average decline of 14 per cent.

William Emmett, chairman of the National Farmers' Union Berks and Oxon branch, said: "2012 has been a great year in every other respect – with the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee – but it has been a tough year for farming."

The rain also damaged the quality of grain, attracting lower prices from buyers, said Mr Emmett. And more heavy rain this month meant planting was delayed and would hit quality and yields come next year's harvest, he warned.

The British Retail Consortium said poor harvests abroad would also push up food prices.

Around 300mm of rain fell between June and August in Oxfordshire, compared to a previous 30-year average of 161mm, the highest since 1912.

Charles Dingwall said the yields at his own Oxfordshire farm were down 30 per cent.

He said: "We haven't had a year this bad for decades."

"It has been very poor. We have had a reduction in yield but more than that the quality of the grain has been very poor."

Profits were down ten per cent for Oxfordshire farmer Mike Gooding. He said each of his acres produced just a tonne of wheat, compared to a tonne and a quarter last year.

He said: "The rain started and hasn't stopped. The primary problem has been

By Oliver Evans

during the flowering time. It was so cold and wet that there was a lack of insect life, and they did not pollinate the wheat."

Local farmer David Keen said low sunshine from a "very, very poor summer" meant he was now being offered £150 for a tonne of wheat, instead of last year's £180.

He said: "My crop was attacked by fungal disease, which put added pressure on the plants. At the same time the plant roots were flooded and waterlogged."

He added: "Almost as big an issue now, is what is going to happen next year?"

"The weather has been so wet this autumn that, so far this season, there is not a lot of wheat being planted."



William Emmett

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Talent far from run of the Mill

Comedy and music combine in the next few days to give audiences an autumn treat

On Saturday, enjoy a blast from the past with a light-hearted visit from Ian Dury's Blockheads.

Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick and *Reasons To Be Cheerful Part Three* are among the iconic tracks that will be echo around the Mill Theatre in Spiceball Parl.

This amazing band formed in 1977 to promote Ian Dury's album, *New Boots and Panties* on the first Stiff Records tour of the UK.

The Blockheads are fronted by legendary Ian Dury's best friend, Derek 'the Draw' Hussey, who is now the band's vocalist and chief songwriter.

Alongside Hussey will be Chaz Jankel, Norman Watt-Roy, John Turnbull and Mick Gallagher – all members of that original Blockheads line up.

And the five will be joined by John Roberts on drums and one of a rolling rota of saxophonists which includes Gilat Atzmon, Terry Edwards and Dave Lewis.

Ian Dury died in 2000 of cancer but his faithful band takes on the extraordinary spirit of the man's music in their brilliant show.

The talented and fun loving Brit-Funkers will be playing all the old favourites and some new material to delight their Banbury audience.

■ **Saturday (October 20), 8pm. Tickets. £22.**

On Sunday, it's the turn of hot new comedy talent **Daniel Sloss**

Simply called *The Show*, Sloss's appearance is one of 50 during this UK tour. The internationally acclaimed comedian has been described as half man, half Xbox.

He started performing stand-up at the age of 16 and has already appeared on Michael McIntyre's *Comedy Roadshow*, *Eight out of Ten Cats*, Jason Manford's *Comedy Rocks*, *The Rob Bryden Show*, Comic Relief's *Mock the Week*, *The Paul O'Grady Show* and the 2012 Stand Up for Sport Relief as well as starring in his own BBC show, *The Adventures of Daniel*.

He became one of the youngest ever finalists in the national comedy competition, *So You Think You're Funny* in 2008 aged just 17.

"All that was before I started to shave. I'm now 22, I've left home and the gloves are off!" he says.

Sloss was named best new

comedian at the Scottish Variety Awards last year.

■ **Sunday (October 21), 7.30pm. Tickets £13.50-£10**

And, on Wednesday, enjoy a shot of anarchic fun with *Not Appropriate (Confessions of a Teacher)*.

Comedian, entertainer – and former schoolmaster Kevin Precious promises an evening of hilarious fun as he explores his former life.

This is a show to appeal to anyone who has ever taught, or for that matter been to school. And parts of it are likely to be well, not appropriate. Please note: It has an age recommendation for audiences: 16 years+.

Precious is a stand-up comedian, MC and one time RE teacher from Brighton. He has performed his routines at top venues all over the country including clubs such as Jingleurs, Jesters and The Glee.

He is also co-founder and regular compere at a variety of Barnstormers Comedy venues all over the south and Midlands.

■ **Wednesday, October 24. 7.30pm. Tickets £10-£12**

For all shows, call the Mill box office on 01295 279002



FUNNY BUSINESS: Daniel Sloss

Shakespeare's set to shine

A musical feast awaits audiences this weekend when members of Banbury Operatic Society perform *Shakespeare and Love*, a concert with songs from musicals based on love and the works of the Bard.

The cast have been busy rehearsing the 26 songs featured from shows as varied as *The Lion King*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *West Side Story*, *Hello Dolly*, *Aspects of Love* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Alena Saroka, musical director for the concert, has been working with Sally-Anne Watts, director, to bring out the

operatic society's range of talent.

"A concert gives us an ideal opportunity to showcase the depth of talent we are fortunate to have," says Sally. "It gives everyone a chance to shine."

This is a concert that has something for everyone, with well-known songs from hit Broadway and West End shows, Shakespearean sonnets set to music and even some grand opera.

■ **Tickets for the concert, at Marlborough Road Methodist Church on Friday and Saturday (October 19 and 20), cost £10, including a ploughman's supper for the two evening performances and a cream tea for the Saturday matinee.**

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OFFER ME YOUR LOVE Happy go

lucky Windsor male, 46, enjoys cooking, walks, tennis, swimming and theatre, seeking for a long term relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 126273 or send a text to 80360

WE CAN BE HAPPY Fun male,

44, likes meals out, keeping fit, weekends away, 5ft9in, seeking friendship maybe more with someone special. Banbury. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 854670

CHANGE OF LUCK? Warm,

blue-eyed Banbury male, 46, 6ft, kind and truthful, intelligent and thoughtful, searching for an understanding woman, to share and enjoy a quiet and happy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 125562 or send a text to 80360

IT'S NOT UNUSUAL Friendly Witney

male, 47, 6'4", blue eyes, enjoys sports, music, cosy nights in, going out and having a laugh, would like to meet a female friend, for good company and laughter. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 115039 or send a text to 80360

NEED SOMEONE SPECIAL Happy-go-lucky

Banbury male, 48, works part-time, would like to meet a woman, who like walks, social, drinks and dining out. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 131071 or send a text to 80360

HAPPY TIMES AHEAD Caring,

Frighteningly good tale of the macabre

FRANKENWEENIE 3D (PG, 87 minutes) Animation/Comedy. Featuring the voices of Charlie Tahan, Winona Ryder, Catherine O'Hara, Martin Short, Martin Landau, James Hiroyuki Liao, Robert Capron, Atticus Shaffer. Director: Tim Burton

THE pain of losing a loved one leaves an indelible mark on the hardest heart.

Frankenweenie is a charming and impeccably crafted stop-motion animation about a lonely boy who cannot bear the loss of his pet dog.

So the ingenious tyke re-animates the deceased pooch with a lightning bolt à la Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, blind to the repercussions of meddling with Mother Nature.

Writer-director Tim Burton has dealt with the pain of grief and solitude before, most powerfully in Edward Scissorhands – another haunting fable about a misfit out of step with his off-kilter surroundings.

Frankenweenie shares the same screen heroine, Winona Ryder, and the spirit of Edward's creator Vincent Price lives on in the striking, sculpted features of a high school science teacher, whose class demonstration with electricity and frog's legs sows the seeds of this picture's macabre plan.

Victor Frankenstein (voiced by Charlie Tahan) is an outcast in the sleepy community of New Holland, where he lives with his parents (Martin Short, Catherine O'Hara).

His only friend is the family's bull terrier Sparky, who has a crush on Persephone, the pampered black poodle that lives next door with Victor's classmate Elsa Van Helsing (Ryder).

A scene from *Frankenweenie*



When tragedy strikes and Sparky is laid to rest in the pet cemetery, Victor is plunged into despair. Then teacher Mr Rzykruski (Martin Landau) plants the seed of an outlandish idea.

"Science is not good or bad, Victor, but it can be used both ways," counsels Mr Rzykruski.

In the dead of night, the boy digs up Sparky, constructs a machine to harness lightning and the dog is reborn, albeit with a tendency to lose his decaying tail.

Victor doesn't care – he has his best friend back – and he keeps the pet hidden from prying eyes, including his parents.

Once classmates discover Victor's breakthrough, they plot similar experiments with their pets.

Frankenweenie looks stunning, captured in eye-popping 3D.

The black-and-white visuals are crisp and every frame is peppered with horror references and in-jokes.

There are nods and winks to *Gremlins* and *Godzilla*, plus a torch-wielding showdown that embraces Mary Shelley with gusto.

Tahan gives a moving portrayal of Victor, tearfully telling his parents "I don't want (Sparky) in my heart, I want him here with me".

The grand finale is orchestrated at a brilliant, breathless pace.

CakeWhat's on

Music

FRIDAY: Methodist Church, Marlborough Road, Banbury: *Shakespeare and Love*. £10 to include ploughman's supper for the evening performances and a cream tea for Saturday matinee 2pm. Banbury Operatic Society. Fri-Sat, 7.30pm. 07745 411002.

SATURDAY: Social Club, Astrop Road, Middleton Cheney: Lee and Then. Singer and instrumental band. 7.15pm. £4, member £2. 01295 721220

The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton: The Charleston Chasers. Hot swing music from the roaring '20s and '30s. 25th anniversary tour. £15, concession £13. 7.45pm. 01608 642350 Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10am-2pm.

The Wheatsheaf, 68 George Street, Banbury: Acoustic Autumn. The third installment of the Acoustic Season. Introducing: 8.00-8.30pm James Blowers; 8.35-

9.05pm Damien Black; 9.10-9.40pm Rob and Adam; 9.45-10.15pm Stevie Matt Cooper (plus guests); 10.15-11pm The Holly Perkins Band (acoustic). Free admission. 01295 266525.

SUNDAY: Social Club, Astrop Road, Middleton Cheney: Now and Then. Singer and instrumental duo. 7.15pm. £4, member £2. 01295 721220.

Theatre

The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury: Oct 18, Bollywood Brass Band. 8pm. Joined by Pakistani singer Razaqat Ali Khan £18.

Oct 19, While and Matthews. £14, concession £12. 8pm.

Oct 20, The Blockheads. 8pm. £22. Box office: 01295 279002.

The Theatre, Spring Street,

Chipping Norton:

Oct 18, *Fever Pitch*. £13, concession £11. 7.45pm.

Oct 19, fundraiser - *Senses and Sensibility*. £15 including wine and cheese (£12 per ticket for parties of 4 or more). 7.30pm.

Oct 20, *Cowboy Baby*. £8.50.

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Cinema

Odeon, Horsefair, Banbury: Madagascar, PG, daily 1.45pm*; (3-D) daily 4*, 6.15pm*. Paranormal Activity IV, 15, Sat-Sun 12.50pm, daily 3, 5, 7.15, 9.15pm. Taken II, 12A, daily 8.30pm. Senior Screen: The Dark Knight Rises, 12A, Wed 11am. Odeon Kids: Brave, PG, Sat-Sun 11.30am*. Box office: 0871 224 4007.

Events

SATURDAY: Clic Sargent Charity Ball: Rye Hill Golf Club, Milcombe. £49. 7pm. 07920016430.



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And this week, we're offering a pair of tickets to see

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Evo-Stick Southern League Premier Division defeat for the Puritans

10-man Banbury beaten at home

BANBURY United lost their unbeaten home Premier Division record with another disappointing display at Spencer Stadium.

The Puritans were indebted to a goal-line clearance by Jack Ashton in the sixth minute, only to fall behind 60 seconds later.

They failed to clear their lines and a left-wing cross from was converted at the near post by Weymouth fullback Kyle Critchell.

Banbury then laid siege to the Weymouth goal for the next half-hour, with Kynan Isaac and Adeylinka Talabi being thwarted by Terras goalkeeper Simon Evans. However, United were caught on the break in the 34th minute as Weymouth doubled their lead when

Banbury United (Lorraine 43)	1
Weymouth (Critchell 7, Joyce 34, 65))	3

Ben Joyce placed the ball wide of Matthew Gill.

Two minutes before the break, Banbury pulled a goal back with Tom Lorraine smashing home a Talabi cross.

When Joyce scored his second and Weymouth's third goal in the 65th minute, there was no way back.

Banbury's misery was complete when Marvin Martin was sent off for two yellow Utd: Gill, Cray, Martin, Blossom, Ashton, Talabi, Bridges (Plowright 81), Polk, Lorraine, Coronado (Agyeman-Prempeh HT), Isaac. Subs not used: Ryan, Dumbleton, Cross.

Attendance: 352.



Banbury United's Adeylinka Talabi came close to scoring early on for the Puritans

Prodrive to keep Mini in rally contest

BANBURY-BASED Prodrive are to continue to target a full programme of events in the World Rally Championship next year, backed up by a comprehensive development programme for the Mini John Cooper Works WRC and S2000 cars.

It follows the announcement last week by Mini that it remains committed to rallying, and that BMW Motorsport would continue to develop the car's 1.6 turbo engine in conjunction with Prodrive – despite Mini ceasing direct financial support for its works team in the World Rally Championship next year.

Prodrive's existing long-term contract with Mini remains unchanged.

This ensures the sales, support and development of the Mini John Cooper Works WRC and S2000 cars, as well as the supply of engines and parts from BMW Motorsport for use by all teams in the World Rally Championship, regional and national rallies over the next five years.

The Prodrive WRC Team has operated as an independent, private team since early this year, and will continue to do so in 2013 with the aim of adding to the three podium places already achieved by Dani Sordo.

"We understand MINI's decision and in the current challenging economic climate it was not unexpected," said Richard Taylor, business development director at Prodrive. "It is, however, good news that MINI remains enthusiastic about the WRC."

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ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

Items you buy now are relevant to where your commitments lie. The stars are giving others the impression that you are keeping a very big secret as you glow from within and show the whole world what fun life can be. A sensitive spell midweek could see you misunderstanding others' words and a sense of humour can do much to save you from looking the fool. Call now to reveal all.

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LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

You are going to want to spend some time alone this week to sort out how you feel about recent events, but you may have to tell a white lie in order to do so, as friends and family are all vying for your attention since they discovered your recent news. Aries hold valuable news. Call my starline to hear what the weekend has in store for you and how best to utilise those Libra charms.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

You don't have the energy to complete a work matter that you started recently. You can do whatever you set your mind to and it is only due to home pressures that you can't seem to set your pace as you would like. Put home to one side and get the job done. There will be plenty of time to deal with personal issues on Friday. Call now to hear why lies are a no no throughout this week.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Arguments which the stars show are occurring can actually be more fun than pain. You should be able to win too, if you are willing to listen to what the other party has to say. This is, in fact, quite a comical week as you are able to tie up matters that last week had you in a spin and now will only have you reeling with laughter. Ring now so I can tell you more about what your future holds.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Whether or not others feel as strongly for you as you do for them can only be discovered by laying your heart on the line. Don't be frightened. Take your time. Fun and seduction are written in your stars and are sure to make this a month you'll look back upon with pleasure. Payments must be made if you are to have a clear mind. Ring me now to gain control of life and love.

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

A new face in the circle should be the key you need to take your career to the next level. Recognise opportunity. Stand up for yourself and don't be bullied by strong characters or attractive faces. Your need to see someone from your past could see you doing something really stupid and it's time to sit down and think about what you may be risking before it is too late. Call me for advice and guidance.

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

CLOSE ONES are being a little too demanding with your time and to your money. Have you ever thought though Cancer, about saying the word no to them? I know you don't want to hurt them but sometimes you have to let people, especially youngsters, know that life has its limitations. You could be making a rod for your own back if you are not careful. Call me to talk through recent events.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

A flirtation which fizzles out about this time will actually turn out to be a blessing in disguise. You have been rather overdoing it. Say what you feel. Stick to your guns. Faint heart never won fair lady. If you do what you feel it could lead to a very fulfilling weekend. Passion comes just when you least expect it and three will most definitely be a crowd. Call my starline to get all the details now.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

Try to take your life a little slower; you are making the same mistakes again and again due to the speed with which you are trying to complete things. No one will think you are any cleverer, nor will they particularly notice that you were first to the finishing line. Use the help that is on offer from Pisces to gain insight into how to utilise the many skills you possess. Call for clarity and strength.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

Loved ones don't seem to be happy with the changes they've made. Don't get defensive and think that it is you they are not happy with. They will soon tell you the source of their discontentment. You may have thought that a new face at work was all talk, but the work that they do this week will show you that they are all action. Call now to hear ways of better handling your family.

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

I know that recently there don't seem to be enough hours in the day for you. Nor is their enough of you to go around in the workplace. A lack of communication is evident and you may want to call a meeting of some sort, before your reputation begins to take a battering. Drunkards and fools cannot lie, remember this when venturing out at the weekend. Call me and we'll work out a game-plan.

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PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

Don't take what is given but sit up and make the changes you want. You are in control of what you do and where you go, your finances are even more favourable than they have been in weeks. Your schedule is getting heavier not lighter, so plan a trip away or even just a relaxing night out, so you can recharge those batteries. Call now to hear why this month is forecast to be more memorable than most.

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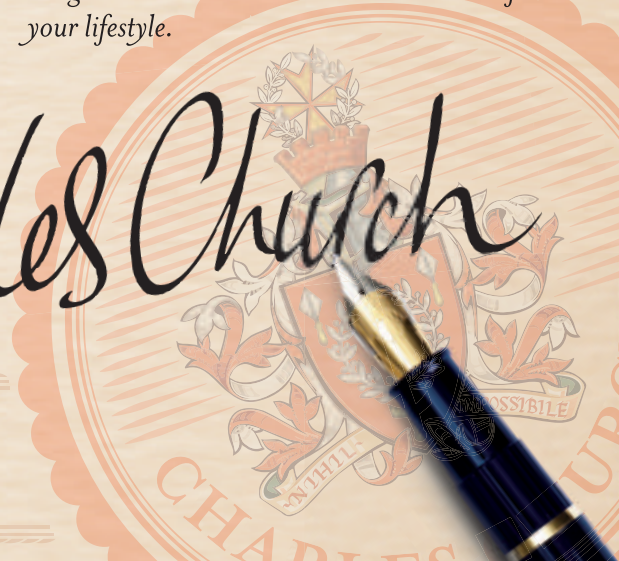
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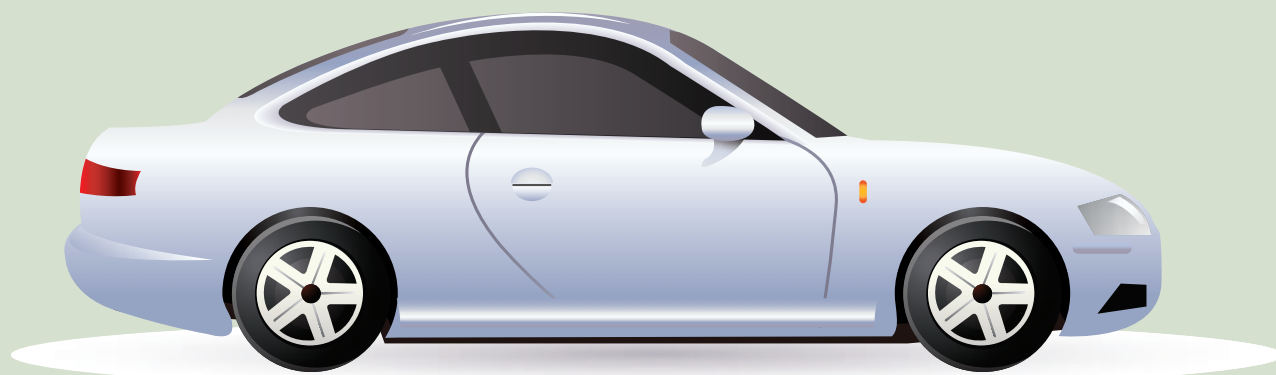
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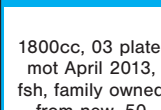

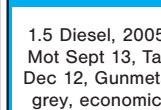




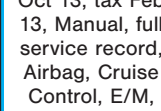



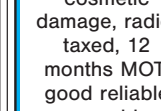
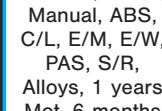
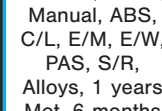


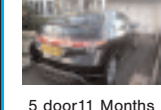
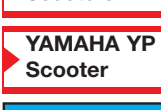

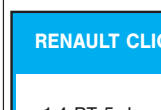
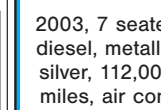



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